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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1374

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BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Teacher Licensure.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Teacher Examinations-* The bill allows a person who has failed the teacher licensing examination at least two times to demonstrate proficiency by having the person's teacher education school or department certify to the Department of Education that the person possesses the content knowledge required by the examination.

Initial Teacher License Requirements- The bill requires the Department of Education to submit to the Education Roundtable for review and approval certain requirements for initial teacher licensure.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Teacher Examinations-* A teacher education school would be allowed to certify to the Department of Education that an applicant is proficient in a test area if the applicant has twice scored below the cut-score on that test area by no more than two points. Applicants pay to take the qualifying examination. Therefore, the Department's existing resources should be sufficient to implement this provision.

Background: PRAXIS examinations are given by ETS (the current PRAXIS vendor) to applicants directly at various colleges and universities in the state. The PRAXIS examination is currently offered in either paper/pencil or computer-based form. Applicants may retake the examination an unlimited number of times. The fee is \$35 per test area for the Praxis I paper/pencil examination. All three required categories (reading, writing, and mathematics) total \$105 in fees.

The following table shows the current cut-scores for both versions of PRAXIS I.

Test Area	Paper/Pencil	Computer
Reading	176	323
Writing	172	318
Mathematics	175	320

Initial Teacher License Requirements- The Department would have until October 1, 2006, to submit initial teacher license requirements to the Education Roundtable. The Department's existing resources should be sufficient to report the license requirements to the Roundtable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education; Education Roundtable.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Educational Testing Service: www.ets.org; Indiana Department of Education, Division of Professional Standards website: www.doe.state.in.us/dps/faq/teachertesting.html.

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